

livestock slaughter



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JANUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT: Commercial production of red meat in the United States totaled 3.3 billion pounds in January, 2 percent above a year ago, 4 percent above January 1973, and 7 percent above December 1974, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

January 1975 included 22 weekdays excluding one holiday and 4 Saturdays, the same as the previous two Januarys.

BEEF PRODUCTION INCREASED 6 PERCENT: Beef production totaled 2.1 billion pounds, an increase of 6 percent from January 1974 and 8 percent above January 1973. Cattle kill totaled 3,506,300 head, up 14 percent from a year ago and 13 percent above January 1973. Live weight per head was 1,022 pounds, 40 pounds less than last year and 27 pounds less than January 1973.

VEAL PRODUCTION MORE THAN DOUBLES: There were 59 million pounds of veal produced in January, an increase of 103 percent over the 29 million pounds produced in 1974. Calf slaughter at 375,300 head was up 75 percent from January 1974 and 48 percent above January 1973. Live weight per head was 275 pounds compared with 236 for January 1974 and 247 for January 1973.

PORK PRODUCTION DECREASED 8 PERCENT: Pork production totaled 1.1 billion pounds in January, 8 percent below a year ago and 3 percent below January 1973. Hog kill totaled 6,758,700 head, 7 percent below January 1974 and 5 percent below January 1973. Live weight per head was 241 pounds, 4 pounds less than last year but 2 pounds more than January 1973. Lard rendered per 100 pounds live weight was 6.3 pounds compared with 6.4 pounds in January 1974.

LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION DOWN 15 PERCENT: There were 35 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in January, a decrease of 15 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 681,700 head, a decrease of 11 percent from a year ago and 21 percent below January 1973. Average live weight was 105 pounds, 3 pounds less than last year.

Federally inspected slaughter as a percent of total commercial slaughter in January 1975 and January 1974 is as follows: cattle, 89.9 and 90.5; calves 75.6 and 84.5; hogs 94.0 and 94.1; sheep and lambs, 97.1 and 97.3 percent.

COMMERCIAL MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES, JAN 1975 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

KIND	JAN 1974	DEC 1974	JAN 1975	JAN 1975 AS % OF	
				JAN 1974	DEC 1974
			MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT
BEEF	1,972	1,917	2,100	106	110
VEAL	29	51	59	203	116
PORK 2/	1,212	1,091	1,113	92	102
LAMB & MUTTON	41	32	35	85	109
TOTAL RED MEAT	3,254	3,091	3,307	102	107
LARD 3/	113	104	103	91	99

1/ EXCLUDES ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED ON FARMS. 2/ EXCLUDE LARD AND RENDERED PORK FAT. 3/ INCLUDES RENDERED PORK FAT.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER: UNITED STATES, JAN 1975 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

SPECIES	UNIT	JAN 1974	DEC 1974	JAN 1975	JAN 1975 AS % OF	
					JAN 1974	DEC 1974
					PERCENT	
<u>CATTLE</u>						
NUMBER						
FED. INSP.	THOU.	2,793.4	2,901.8	3,142.3	113	109
OTHER	THOU.	294.6	331.8	354.0	120	107
TOTAL	THOU.	3,088.0	3,233.6	3,506.3	114	108
LIVE WEIGHT						
PER HEAD	LB.	1,062	1,024	1,022	96	100
TOTAL	MIL. LB.	3,279	3,311	3,582	109	108
<u>CALVES</u>						
NUMBER						
FED. INSP.	THOU.	181.0	253.8	283.7	157	112
OTHER	THOU.	33.2	88.1	91.6	276	104
TOTAL	THOU.	214.2	341.9	375.3	175	110
LIVE WEIGHT						
PER HEAD	LB.	236	265	275	117	104
TOTAL	MIL. LB.	50	91	103	206	113
<u>HOGS</u>						
NUMBER						
FED. INSP.	THOU.	6,803.5	6,243.2	6,349.8	93	102
OTHER	THOU.	430.0	428.5	408.9	95	95
TOTAL	THOU.	7,233.5	6,671.7	6,758.7	93	101
LIVE WEIGHT						
PER HEAD	LB.	245	245	241	98	98
TOTAL	MIL. LB.	1,775	1,632	1,630	92	100
<u>SHEEP & LAMBS</u>						
NUMBER						
FED. INSP.	THOU.	749.2	594.9	661.9	88	111
OTHER	THOU.	20.9	22.2	19.8	95	89
TOTAL	THOU.	770.1	617.1	681.7	89	110
LIVE WEIGHT						
PER HEAD	LB.	108	106	105	97	99
TOTAL	MIL. LB.	83	65	72	87	111

1/ EXCLUDES ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED ON FARMS.

COMMERCIAL CATTLE AND CALVES SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1974 AND 1975

STATE 2/	CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/				CALF SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1974	1975	1974	1975	1974	1975	1974	1975
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
ALA.....	14.5	24.7	13,717	18,920	.5	2.8	195	1,274
ARIZ.....	47.0	46.5	48,081	47,988	.1	.1	48	45
ARK.....	15.3	23.7	14,091	20,192	.2	.5	85	225
CALIF.....	227.0	262.0	239,485	275,362	7.9	19.9	3,618	8,756
COLO.....	201.0	190.0	220,698	206,720	---	---	---	---
DEL.-MD..	8.6	8.8	9,092	9,239	1.0	1.0	248	239
FLA.....	32.5	43.0	32,045	40,119	5.8	11.7	1,827	4,586
GA.....	28.5	41.0	26,220	32,554	.5	2.5	216	870
HAWAII...	5.2	4.5	4,826	4,388	---	---	---	---
IDAHO.....	53.0	47.0	60,155	51,512	---	.1	---	36
ILL.....	123.0	129.0	126,321	127,839	7.3	10.5	1,650	2,268
IND.....	41.0	47.5	42,066	47,405	.2	.5	24	87
IOWA.....	388.0	370.0	417,100	391,090	14.4	27.5	2,664	4,400
KANS.....	224.0	248.0	242,816	267,344	---	.4	---	168
KY.....	17.9	29.5	16,933	25,960	.1	.4	26	134
LA.....	14.1	16.0	14,297	13,712	11.1	23.3	6,160	11,231
MICH.....	56.5	67.0	61,585	72,159	5.4	8.8	1,107	1,707
MINN.....	116.0	131.0	130,848	145,017	1.0	1.2	212	204
MISS.....	29.5	41.5	28,350	33,200	2.4	9.7	1,306	4,802
MO.....	78.5	90.0	86,114	90,450	.9	1.0	267	285
MONT.....	18.7	17.0	19,485	17,306	---	.1	---	39
NEBR.....	369.0	426.0	399,996	462,210	.2	.4	75	170
NEV.....	2.1	1.2	2,163	1,212	---	---	---	---
N.J.....	10.8	19.1	13,543	21,946	17.7	22.9	5,204	6,183
N.MEX.....	35.0	45.5	34,755	43,680	---	---	---	---
N.Y.....	29.5	30.5	33,571	33,092	53.5	71.5	5,992	8,580
N.C.....	13.6	18.0	12,798	15,480	.2	.3	44	81
N.DAK.....	16.7	24.2	18,420	26,668	---	---	---	---
OHIO.....	86.0	97.0	91,676	101,753	2.0	3.4	412	704
OKLA.....	57.0	67.5	57,000	63,045	.6	3.2	277	1,437
OREG.....	21.1	28.5	22,661	27,417	.6	1.8	247	826
PA.....	70.0	77.5	80,570	86,335	16.8	24.1	1,798	2,627
S.C.....	6.7	10.2	5,916	7,599	8.1	12.3	4,155	5,584
S.DAK.....	63.5	66.5	69,406	70,756	---	---	---	---
TENN.....	42.0	58.0	43,344	56,086	.3	6.0	73	2,334
TEXAS.....	317.0	421.0	303,052	370,480	8.7	36.0	4,837	19,620
UTAH.....	21.8	27.5	24,983	29,535	---	.2	---	71
VA.....	12.1	20.3	12,983	18,717	6.6	18.1	2,284	7,005
WASH.....	37.0	45.0	41,070	49,275	.6	1.3	191	454
W.VA.....	4.5	5.6	4,914	5,130	---	.1	---	26
WISC.....	121.0	125.0	140,118	137,500	23.6	36.0	3,469	4,536
WYO.....	1.7	2.1	1,741	2,075	---	---	---	---
NEW ENG..	10.7	12.4	11,766	13,586	15.7	15.7	1,741	1,673
U. S.....	3,088.6	3,506.3	3,280,771	3,582,053	214.2	375.3	50,452	103,267

1/ INCLUDES SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AND OTHER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, EXCLUDES FARM SLAUGHTER.
 2/ NEW ENGLAND INCLUDES MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, VERMONT, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND AND CONNECTICUT, COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER NOT ESTIMATED IN ALASKA.

HOGS AND SHEEP AND LAMBS SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1974 AND 1975

STATE 2/	HOG SLAUGHTER 1/				SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1974	1975	1974	1975	1974	1975	1974	1975
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
ALA.....	72.0	61.0	17,496	14,762	---	---	---	---
ARIZ.....	14.6	16.3	3,416	3,684	.1	---	11	---
ARK.....	25.0	16.2	5,925	3,742	---	---	---	---
CALIF....	112.0	129.0	26,544	30,444	131.0	123.0	14,541	13,284
COLU.....	37.5	56.5	8,738	13,164	150.0	139.0	16,650	15,290
DEL.-MD..	48.5	41.6	10,865	9,478	4.9	4.6	500	446
FLA.....	30.5	28.0	6,100	5,180	---	---	---	---
GA.....	170.0	155.0	39,440	35,495	---	---	---	---
HAWAII...	3.6	3.8	637	703	---	---	---	---
IDAHO....	9.0	9.4	2,106	2,143	.7	.8	75	90
ILL.....	490.0	428.0	126,910	109,140	38.5	39.0	4,081	4,173
IND.....	294.0	276.0	78,204	68,724	.4	.5	36	42
IOWA....	1,755.0	1,577.0	431,730	378,480	36.0	19.8	3,888	2,039
KANS.....	186.0	178.0	45,570	42,364	.2	.6	24	71
KY.....	160.0	131.0	40,960	33,405	17.9	13.3	2,023	1,463
LA.....	16.3	16.5	3,863	3,812	.1	.1	9	9
MICH.....	366.0	377.0	88,206	90,857	33.5	32.0	3,518	3,328
MINN.....	534.0	441.0	133,500	106,281	19.0	16.4	2,071	1,689
MISS.....	110.0	104.0	25,630	23,504	---	---	---	---
MO.....	230.0	217.0	57,500	55,335	1.5	1.7	156	177
MONT.....	46.5	30.5	11,067	7,015	.1	.3	10	29
NEBR.....	232.0	195.0	59,160	46,605	71.5	54.5	7,865	5,832
NEV.....	.2	.4	46	92	.1	.2	12	21
N.J.....	40.0	66.5	9,200	14,696	32.5	38.5	3,315	3,966
N.MEX....	11.2	15.0	2,677	3,420	10.4	7.3	1,144	774
N.Y.....	73.0	39.0	16,863	8,970	5.0	5.3	515	551
N.C.....	161.0	153.0	37,513	35,037	---	---	---	---
N.DAK....	3.1	2.2	694	502	.2	.1	21	10
OHIO....	314.0	378.0	73,790	89,208	3.5	3.8	336	369
OKLA....	54.5	64.0	15,042	17,216	.1	.1	9	10
OREG....	17.0	15.9	4,114	3,673	3.5	2.8	385	286
PA.....	308.0	259.0	70,532	59,570	15.3	13.8	1,576	1,380
S.C.....	34.5	32.5	8,590	7,508	---	---	---	---
S.DAK....	222.0	201.0	56,388	48,441	39.5	33.0	4,266	3,531
TENN.....	249.0	261.0	60,009	71,514	---	---	---	---
TEXAS....	131.0	120.0	34,060	30,360	116.0	99.5	11,948	9,652
UTAH....	6.5	6.9	1,365	1,477	20.1	16.2	2,211	1,701
VA.....	280.0	283.0	64,960	64,241	.1	.3	9	28
WASH....	59.5	67.0	13,982	15,678	17.3	14.0	1,816	1,414
W.VA....	4.2	4.0	1,361	1,244	.1	.1	11	10
WISC....	318.0	297.0	79,182	71,577	.3	.4	30	39
WYO.....	1.1	1.1	251	261	.2	.1	20	11
NEW ENG..	3.2	4.4	821	1,095	.5	.6	47	54
U. S.....	7,233.5	6,758.7	1,775,007	1,630,097	770.1	681.7	83,129	71,769

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
JANUARY 1974 AND 1975 1/

STATE 2/	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1974	1975	1974	1975	1974	1975	1974	1975
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
ALA.....	946	766	390	455	243	242	---	---
ARIZ.....	1,023	1,032	478	451	234	226	114	---
ARK.....	921	852	423	450	237	231	---	---
CALIF.....	1,055	1,051	458	440	237	236	111	108
COLO.....	1,098	1,088	---	---	233	233	111	110
DEL.-MD..	1,057	1,050	248	239	224	228	102	97
FLA.....	986	933	315	392	200	185	---	---
GA.....	920	794	432	348	232	229	---	---
HAWAII...	928	975	---	---	177	185	---	---
IDAHO.....	1,135	1,096	---	362	234	228	107	113
ILL.....	1,027	991	226	216	259	255	106	107
IND.....	1,026	998	122	174	266	249	89	85
IOWA.....	1,075	1,057	185	160	246	240	108	103
KANS.....	1,084	1,078	---	420	245	238	122	118
KY.....	946	880	258	334	256	255	113	110
LA.....	1,014	857	555	482	237	231	93	93
MICH.....	1,090	1,077	205	194	241	241	105	104
MINN.....	1,128	1,107	212	170	250	241	109	103
MISS.....	961	800	544	495	233	226	---	---
MO.....	1,097	1,005	297	285	250	255	104	104
MONT.....	1,042	1,018	---	390	238	230	104	97
NEBR.....	1,084	1,085	373	425	255	239	110	107
NEV.....	1,030	1,010	---	---	230	230	120	104
N.J.....	1,254	1,149	294	270	230	221	102	103
N.MEX.....	993	960	---	---	239	228	110	106
N.Y.....	1,138	1,085	112	120	231	230	103	104
N.C.....	941	860	220	270	233	229	---	---
N.DAK.....	1,103	1,102	---	---	224	228	107	100
OHIO.....	1,066	1,049	206	207	235	236	96	97
OKLA.....	1,000	934	461	449	276	269	93	100
OREG.....	1,074	962	412	459	242	231	110	102
PA.....	1,151	1,114	107	109	229	230	103	100
S.C.....	883	745	513	454	249	231	---	---
S.DAK.....	1,093	1,064	---	---	254	241	108	107
TENN.....	1,032	967	243	389	241	274	---	---
TEXAS.....	956	880	556	545	260	253	103	97
UTAH.....	1,146	1,074	---	354	210	214	110	105
VA.....	1,073	922	346	387	232	227	92	94
WASH.....	1,110	1,095	318	349	235	234	105	101
W.VA.....	1,092	916	---	263	324	311	114	100
WISC.....	1,158	1,100	147	126	249	241	100	97
WYO.....	1,024	988	---	---	228	237	100	108
NEW ENG..	1,100	1,096	109	107	257	249	94	90
U. S.....	1,062	1,022	236	275	245	241	108	105

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AND CONNECTICUT. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER NOT ESTIMATED IN ALASKA.

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED UNDER
FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES, JAN 1975 WITH COMPARISONS

SPECIES	JAN 1974	DEC 1974	JAN 1975	JAN 1974	DEC 1974	JAN 1975
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT OF TOTAL		
<u>CLASSIFICATION: 1/</u>						
<u>CATTLE</u>						
STEERS	1,447	1,403	1,535	51.8	48.3	48.7
HEIFERS	684	694	765	24.5	23.9	24.3
COWS	608	742	786	21.7	25.6	24.9
BULLS & STAGS	54	63	66	2.0	2.2	2.1
TOTAL	2,793	2,902	3,152	100.0	100.0	100.0
CANNERS & CUTTERS 2/	301	445	602	10.8	15.3	19.1
<u>HOGS</u>						
SOWS	405	452	346	6.0	7.2	5.4
BARROWS & GILTS	6,342	5,737	5,955	93.2	91.9	93.8
STAGS & BOARS	57	54	49	.8	.9	.8
TOTAL	6,804	6,243	6,350	100.0	100.0	100.0
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS</u>						
LAMB & YEARLINGS	715	560	640	95.5	94.2	96.7
SHEEP	34	35	22	4.5	5.8	3.3
TOTAL	749	595	662	100.0	100.0	100.0
<u>AVERAGE DRESSED</u>						
<u>WEIGHT 3/</u>						
CATTLE	648	604	609			
STEERS 4/	720	689	688			
HEIFERS 4/	607	570	564			
COWS 4/	515	470	490			
BULLS & STAGS 4/	743	664	694			
CALVES & VEALERS	115	116	123			
HOGS	191	187	187			
SHEEP & LAMBS	54	53	52			

1/ SPECIES TOTALS AND CATTLE CLASSES OF STEERS, HEIFERS, COWS, AND BULLS REPORTED BY MEAT INSPECTORS, FOD, APHIS. CANNERS AND CUTTERS AND CLASSIFICATION OF HOGS AND SHEEP BASED ON PACKER REPORTS. 2/ INCLUDED IN CATTLE CLASSIFICATION. 3/ BASED ON PACKER REPORTS. 4/ INCLUDED IN CATTLE AVERAGE DRESSED WEIGHT.

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